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For : Rotary Press with Exchangeable Punches

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Hon. Assistant Commissioner of Patents
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Dear Sir:

The following sections are being submitted for this Information

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Section 1
Preliminary Statements

Applicants submit herewith patents, publications or other information of which they are aware, which they believe may be material to the examination of this application and in respect of which there may be a duty to disclose in accordance with 37 CFR 1.56.

While this Information Disclosure Statement may be "material" pursuant to 37 CFR 1.56 it is not intended to constitute an admission that any patent, publication or other information referred to therein is "prior art" for this invention unless specifically designated as such.

In accordance with 37 CFR 1.97(b) the filing of this Information Disclosure Statement shall not be construed to mean that a search has been made or that no other material information as defined in 37 CFR 1.56(a) exists.

Section 2
Identification of Time of Filing

This Information Disclosure Statement is filed within three months after the filing date of the application.

The art was mentioned in the present application.

Section 4
Statements with Respect to Listing of Information

A list of the patents and publication is set forth on the attached 1 page of Form PTO-1449 (modified).

Section 5
Statements with Respect to Translations of
Non-English Information

No English language translations of the foreign language patents, publications or information or parts thereof are readily available.

Section 6
Statements with Respect to Copies of Listed Information
Items Accompanying This Statement

A copy of each of the items on PTO-1449 (modified) is supplied herewith.

Section 8
Concise Explanation of Listed Information Items

A concise explanation of the items listed on PTO-1449 (modified) is given for each listed item. Both of these items are discussed on page 1 of the present application.

Rückblick und Ausblick

Information release from Korsch Pressen GmbH describing rotary presses with devices for turning the punches and rotary presses with anti-rotation secured shafts and exchangeable punches attached thereto which have been on the market since approximately 1995.

German Patent 88 16 064

A rotary press wherein the upper and lower punches have rotational movement around their longitudinal axis directly after passing the press rolls acting on them. The rotation of the upper and

lower punches around their longitudinal axis is effected either by means of a frictional connection of the upper and lower punches with acting press rolls arranged directly behind the upper and lower punches, with spring force against the upper and lower punches forward-pressable guide curve sections or by means of an interaction of a serration with a stationary located spur track arranged at the punch shaft.

By means of the rotational movement of the upper and lower punches directly after the pressing operation and during the withdrawal of the upper and lower punches from the die of the die table, a separation of the upper surface of the pressed tablet from the upper punch should be achieved as a minimum. Where particularly adhesive materials to be pressed are concerned, a rotational movement of the lower punch is also to avoid the adhesion between this and the underneath of the tablet.

Respectfully Submitted,



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